

Per March 26
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Hamaroneck, West Chester Co., N.Y.
March 22, 1883.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,

My dear Sir,

Some time since, in conversation with Dr. Kunze, of New York, I told him that I had again fruited Cereus serpentinus. He had never heard of its being fruited under cultivation, thought it somewhat remarkable, and ^{said} ~~thought~~ you would be pleased to see the fruit, without doubt. I promised him I would send you one when it was ripe, and therefore send it to you to-day by mail. I would also send you a piece of the plant, did I not suppose you were thoroughly familiar with it. Any information you may want in regard to the flower, &c., I shall be very glad to furnish you.

One of the flowers I fertilized with pollen from C. Macdonaldi, one of the



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largest, if not the best of the night-bloomers.
I am not sure, but I think the ~~one~~ fruit
I send you was the one so fertilized, and
I would therefore be pleased to have you
return me a few of the seeds.

Yours very truly,
Peter B. Mead.

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